the visit of Singapore's Prime Minister to this country recently; and

(b) the details of agreements, if any, signed by India with those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The information is as under :

DAVOS

Prime Minister's address to the World Economic Forum at its closing session in Davos, and his various meetings with leading business, media and other personalities there forcefully projected India's political, economic and social priorities. This was highly appreciated by the influential audience gathered at Davos.

GERMANY

Prime Minister's visit to Germany helped to impart a fresh impetus to bilateral co-operation between India and Germany in the political, economic and cultural fields and in science and technology.

In the margins of Prime Minister's visit an agreement was concluded between the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Fraunhofer Gesellschaft on February 3, 1994 for cooperation in the process of developing applied research on a commercial basis.

SINGAPORE

The visit of the Singapore Prime Minister to India has led to further strengthening and diversification of bilateral relations. It has also underlined the forging of strategic economic partnership, combining the strengths of the two countries.

During the visit, the following agreements were sigened :

(i) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement.

(ii) Shipping Agreement.

(iii) MOU on Tourism Cooperation.

(iv) Agreement between private sectors of the two countries on strategic Framework for Economic Cooperation.

Killing of Indian Fisherman by Sri Lankan Navy

1033. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indian fisherman was shot dead by Shri Lankan Navy in January, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what are the reasons that the Sri Lankan Navy continues to kill our fishermen in spite of a number of protests made by our Government;

(d) what are the reasons that Indian Navy or the Coast Guard are unable to protect our fishermen from the attacks of Sri Lankan Navy ;

(e) whether Government have taken steps to restore the traditional rights of Indian fishermen to fish and navigate in the historic waters between India and Sri Lanka as guaranteed under Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement of 1974; and

(f) On what basis the Sri Lankan navy objects the Indian fishermen entering Sri Lankan waters for fishing in spite of the provisions of 1974 agreement protecting the traditional rights of Indian fishermen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Government of India has received reports from Tamil Nadu Government that an Indian fisherman was shot dead by Sri Lankan Navy personnel on 16th January, 1994 when they intercepted an Indian fishing boat called 'Valarmathi'.

(c) and (d) we have expressed our concern and unhappiness to the Sri Lankan Government over the recent incident. The Sri Lankan Government while expressing understanding of our position has emphasised that Sri Lankan Naval Authorities have always sought to avoid the use of force against Indian fishermen. Discussions between the two Governments at senior levels including representatives of Sri Lankan Navy and Indian Navy/Coast Guard to devise effective measures to prevent such incidents in future continue.

(e) and (f) The question of restoration of the traditional rights of Indian fishermen for access to Kachchativu area as guaranteed under the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement, 1974 remains under discussion between the two Governments.

भारत में परमाणु बम का बनाया जाना

1034. प्रो० विजय कुमार मलहोत्रा : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चीन तथा पाकिस्तान द्वारा परमाणु बम बना लेने की स्थिति में भारत के लिए परमाणु बम बनाना अनिवार्य है अथवा नहीं ;

(ख) भारत के पास परमाणु बम बनाने की क्षमता होते हुए भी भारत परमाणु बम क्यों नहीं बनाता; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस आशय का आश्वासन देगी कि वह अमेरिका के दबाव में आकर परमाणु बम अप्रसार संधि पर कभी हस्ताक्षर नहीं करेगी ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एस० भाटिया) : (क) और (ख) सरकार पाकिस्तान के नाभिकीय अस्त्र अर्जित करने के कार्यक्रम पर सावधानीपूर्वक निगाह रखती आई है । 1964 में चीन के पहले नाभिकीय अस्त्र के परीक्षण के बाद से सरकार चीनी नाभिकीय शस्त्रागार के विकास पर भी निकट निगाह रखती आई है । भारत की सुरक्षा की स्थिति की निरंतर समीक्षा की जाती है खासतौर पर अपने आस पड़ोस की घटनाओं के संदर्भ में भारत का नाभिकीय कार्यक्रम व्यापक है और यह विशुद्ध रूप से शांतिप्रिय प्रयोजन के लिए है । सरकार ऐसे सभी आवश्यक उपाय बरतने के लिए पूरी तरह से वचनबद्ध है जिनकी राष्ट्र की सुरक्षा के लिए उत्पन्न होने वाले किसी भी खतरे से निपटने के लिए जरूरत हो ।

(ग) सरकार ने बराबर कहा है कि वह नाभिकीय अप्रसार संधि पर उसके वर्तमान रूप मे हस्ताक्षर नहीं करेगी क्योंकि इसका स्वरूप भेदभाव पूर्ण है और इसमें नाभिकीय अस्त्रों से युक्त और नाभिकीय अस्त्र हीन राज्यों के बीच एक स्थायी विभाजन का आभास है ।

1035. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether there is any enhancement of retrieval/re-establishment of the Rubats in Saudi Arabia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Rubats Officer has over stayed normal period of deputation and :

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L BHATIA) : (a) Since March 1993 when unstarred Question No. 3684 was answered in the Rajya Sabha (on 24th March, 1993) there has been progress with regard to the Indian Rubats in Saudi Arabia. In case of some rubats, necessary legal documents have been prepared and are being processed for submission to Saudi Authorities. In case of some other rubats (of Tonk, in particular), here has been improvement in their utilization.

(b) and (c) The post of Rubat Officer in the Consulate General of India, Jedah was created initially for a period of one year and the present incumbent was appointed for the same period with effect from 29-4-1990. The post has been extended on a yearly basis.

A new Rubat Officer has been selected to replace the present incumbent and is expected to join the Consulate shortly.

Achievements of Prime Minister's recent visit to Foregn Countries

1036. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently visited Davos, Bonn and Berlin indicating the prime thrust of his six day sojourn abroad;